

Wm
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION

COUNTRY Yugoslavia

DATE DISTR. ²⁸ April 1948 50X1-HUM

SUBJECT Peasant Opposition in Yugoslav Macedonia

NO. OF PAGES

PLACE ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

50X1-HUM

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT OF U. S. C. 32 AND 33, AND SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO ANY PERSON NOT AN AUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED. INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED. NO OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION FOR THE RESEARCH
USE OF TRAINED INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS

50X1-HUM

1. It is reported that since the Village Collectives of Labor (Selenaska Kollektiva Rabotnia) were established in Yugoslav Macedonia in late 1947, peasant resistance to the agricultural Five-Year Plan has been increasing. This is particularly true in the wheat-growing areas around Bitolj. Opposition took the following forms:

- a. A smaller quantity of seed than usual was sown. For instance, where 12 to 14 okes of seed per acre should have been sown for an expected production of 130 to 150 okes of wheat per acre, only eight okes of seed were used. 50X1-HUM
- b. During the re-distribution of land, the potential productivity of the land was not declared accurately by the peasant owners. The peasants hoped that the responsible officials would be accused of idleness and even of embezzlement when the harvest was gathered and the figures were lower than those expected by the authorities.
- c. Many peasants took no interest in their communal work, particularly when they were called on to use their own stock. This attitude was openly expressed because it was an almost universal feeling.

2. The attitude of the Moslem population in this area has been affected by the two following official rulings:

- a. At a meeting in Skoplje on 20 February 1948 under the presidency of Nedjad Agoli, Minister for Social Welfare, the Central Committee for the Moslem Minority decided on the abolition of the yashmak. This decision caused some of the Moslems to join V.M.R.O. (Vojna Makedonska Revolucionarna Organizacija).
- b. In December 1947 the use of the Arabic alphabet, which is used by Moslems, was forbidden. It was ordered that the Latin alphabet be taught in the schools instead.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL

U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

50X1-HUM

STATE	X	NAVY
ARMY		AIR

Document No.

NO CHANGE in Class

☐ DECLASSIFIED

Class. CHANGED TO:

DDA Memo, 4

Auth: DDA REG. 77